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SUBJECT: 34TH SESSION HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION: URUGUAY
HRC REP OFFERS TO TRY TO WORK OUT ACCEPTABLE 1503
RESOLUTION ON HIS COUNTRY

1. SUMMARY: CARLOS GIAMBRUNO, URUGUAYAN REP TO HUMAN
RIGHTS COMMISSION (HRC), REPEATED AND MADE MORE SPECIFIC
OFFER PREVIOUSLY MADE TO USUN MISOFFS TO THE EFFECT
THAT "I WOULD LIKE FOR URUGUAY TO BE THE FIRST COUNTRY
TO ACCEPT A 1503 PROCEDURE." HE OFFERED TO BEGIN TO
WORK OUT DETAILS OF A 1503 RESOLUTION TOMORROW WITH
DELOFF. END SUMMARY.

2. IN A PROLONGED AND CORDIAL MEETING WITH DEPUTY
ASSISTANT SECRETARY DALLEY ON FEBRUARY 13 GIAMBRUNO SAID
THAT HE WOULD LIKE FOR HIS COUNTRY TO ACCEPT PREVIOUSLY
AGREED UPON 1503 PROCEDURE, BUT THAT HIS MAIN PROBLEM
WAS THAT HE COULD NOT DO IT IF URUGUAY WAS TO BE
SINGLED OUT AS THE ONLY COUNTRY TO BE MONITORED BY THE
HRC. DALLEY EXPLAINED THAT THE U.S. WAS ALSO DETERMINED
TO MOVE AWAY FROM THE TRADITIONAL UN DOUBLE STANDARD,
AND FELT THAT ACTION UNDER 1503 WOULD BE A STEP TOWARD
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ESTABLISHING OBJECTIVE PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING HUMAN
RIGHTS COMPLAINTS. U.S. WANTS AND HOPES COMMISSION
CAN ACHIEVE A GEOGRAPHICALLY AND IDEOLOGICALLY MIXED
PACKAGE OF PREVIOUSLY-NEGOTIATED AGREEMENTS UNDER 1503
THAT WOULD BE DESIGNED TO ASSIST GOVERNMENTS REGAIN
CONTROL OVER THEIR HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATIONS. DALLEY
MENTIONED THE HOPE THAT PERHAPS THE HRC UNDER 1503

COULD TAKE SOME ACTION IN REGARDS TO UGANDA AND
EQUATORIAL GUINEA AS WELL AS ON THE CASE OF URUGUAY.
GIAMBRUNO TOLD DALLEY THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE
TALKING AND NEGOTIATE WITH US BUT WOULD NEED TO CONSULT
WITH HIS GOVERNMENT BEFORE HE COULD GO ANY FURTHER.

3. MEANWHILE URUGUAYAN EXILES IN THE DELEGATE'S LOUNGE
WERE HANDING OUT COPIES OF A NEWS STORY FROM "EL PAIS"
(MONTEVIDEO) OF JANUARY 30, 1978, QUOTING GIAMBRUNO JUST
BEFORE HE LEFT FOR GENEVA SAYING THAT "THERE IS NO
INCONVENIENCE (FOR A UN VISIT TO URUGUAY). OUR DOORS
ARE OPEN...WE DO NOT HAVE ANY REASON TO HIDE ANY ASPECT
OF OUR REALITY."

4. USDEL CONSIDERS THIS A POTENTIAL MAJOR BREAK-THROUGH
IN THAT IF WE CAN REACH AN AGREEMENT WITH THE GOU THROUGH
GIAMBRUNO IT WILL ASSIST US IN BREAKING THROUGH IN
PERHAPS TWO OR THREE OTHER COUNTRIES UNDER 1503. USDEL
WOULD APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT AND
EMBASSY AS TO WHAT SORT OF MISSION OR WHAT SORT OF
MESSAGE OR WHAT SORT OF SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR (INCLUDING
NAMES) THAT MIGHT BE ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH THE GOU AND THE
HRC.

5. REPEATED HERE IS A DRAFT OF THE STILL UNCIRCULATED
(IT WILL ALWAYS BE A PRIVATE DOCUMENT) RECOMMENDATION
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OF THE HRC WORKING GROUP ON THE 1503 CASES ABOUT
URUGUAY THAT WILL BE FORMALLY PRESENTED IN CLOSED
SESSION THE FOURTH WEEK OF THE HRC. DEPARTMENT SHOULD
NOTE THAT RECOMMENDATION OF WORKING GROUP IS A RELATIVELY
MILD REPORT AND DOES NOT ASK FOR A SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR
OR WORKING GROUP. (GROUP MET DURING WEEK PRIOR TO HRC
SESSION TO PREPARE RECOMMENDATIONS ON ALL 1503 CASES.)

6. DRAFT UNCIRCULATED RECOMMENDATION OF THE WORKING
GROUP:

QTE. (J) SITUATION RELATING TO URUGUAY

(DOCUMENTS E/CN.4/R.27/ADD.6 AND ADD.7, E/CN.4/GR.77/8/
ADD 1, GOVERNMENT REPLY NO. 1638).

THE WORKING GROUP TOOK NOTE OF THE REPLY (E/CN.4/GR.77/8/
ADD.1) TO THE COMMUNICATIONS IN QUESTION OF THE GOVERN-
MENT OF URUGUAY IN WHICH THAT GOVERNMENT EXPRESSED, INTER
ALIA, ITS WILLINGNESS TO RESPOND TO QUESTIONS CONCERNING
THE SITUATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN URUGUAY. THE WORKING
GROUP REGRETTED, HOWEVER, THAT NO OBSERVATIONS HAD BEEN

RECEIVED FROM THAT GOVERNMENT SINCE THE SECRETARY-
GENERAL INVITED IT, PURSUANT TO THE SUBCOMMISSION'S
DECISION CONTAINED IN ITS CONFIDENTIAL RESOLUTION
ADOPTED DURING ITS 797TH (CLOSED) MEETING AT ITS
THIRTIETH SESSION, TO SUBMIT OBSERVATIONS.
THE WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDS THAT THE COMMISSION:

(A) REQUEST THE GOVERNMENT OF URUGUAY TO PROVIDE
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION WHICH THAT GOVERNMENT HAD
INDICATED IT WOULD SUBMIT WITH REGARD TO THE RESPECT
OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THAT COUNTRY;

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(B) REQUEST, IN PARTICULAR, THE FULLEST POSSIBLE
EXPLANATION REGARDING THE PROSPECTS FOR AN EARLY
RESTORATION OF POLITICAL RIGHTS IN URUGUAY;

(C) EXPRESS ITS APPRECIATION THAT CONTACTS HAVE BEEN
ESTABLISHED BETWEEN THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR OFFICE AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF URUGUAY WITH REGARD TO THE LABOUR
SITUATION IN THAT COUNTRY, AND EXPRESS ITS HOPE THAT
THESE CONTACTS WILL BE MAINTAINED;

(D) KEEP URUGUAY UNDER REVIEW IN THE LIGHT OF ANY
FURTHER INFORMATION IT MIGHT RECEIVE FROM THAT GOVERNMENT
AND FROM OTHER SOURCES. END QTE. VANDEN HEUVEL

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